

# AVIATION PREPOSITIONS



## IN

in the hanger  
in the manual  
in the seat pocket  
in the sky  
in the airplane  
in the cockpit  
in the cabin  
in the departure lounge  
in London / Paris / SP  
in England / Brazil  
in the engine

## ON

on the runway  
on the taxiway  
on the apron  
on the radio  
on the dashboard  
on the radar  
on the screen  
on the fuselage  
on the wing  
on the window  
on the windshield  
on the baggage cart  
on the catering truck  
on the steps  
on the escape slides

## AT

at the gate  
at the terminal  
at the entrance  
at the airport  
at the baggage reclaim  
at the check-in desk

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- \_\_\_\_\_ the hangar
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Windows
- \_\_\_\_\_ the baggage cart
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Entrance
- \_\_\_\_\_ California
- \_\_\_\_\_ the check in desk
- \_\_\_\_\_ the sky
- \_\_\_\_\_ the fuselage
- \_\_\_\_\_ the airport
- \_\_\_\_\_ the radar
- \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles

**Exercise #1: Read about Prepositions of Place and then proceed to Exercise #2**

A preposition links nouns, pronouns and phrases to other words in a sentence. The word or phrase that the preposition introduces is called the object of the preposition.

Even for the most advanced students, prepositions can *always* use more practice. Many verbs are (usually) followed by certain prepositions. Some even entirely change the meaning of a verb by turning it into a phrasal verb. Learners just have to memorize most prepositions, especially those that follow certain verbs (and even more so for those that create phrasal verbs). Some prepositions can be used interchangeably depending on the situation. This just adds more confusion for people learning English.

The good news is that prepositions of place, perhaps, are among the most consistent (that is, they have fewer exceptions). Prepositions of place are almost logical, if you can understand the preposition on its own.



**THE BOOK IS ON THE TABLE**

In general, we use:

**at** for a POINT

**in** for an ENCLOSED SPACE

**on** for a SURFACE

<b>at</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>on</b>
POINT	ENCLOSED SPACE	SURFACE
at the corner	in the garden	on the wall
at the bus stop	in London	on the ceiling
at the door	in France	on the door
at the top of the page	in a box	on the cover
at the end of the road	in my pocket	on the floor
at the entrance	in my wallet	on the carpet

at the intersection	in a building	on the menu
at the front desk	in a car	on a page

Look at these examples:

Jane is waiting for you **at** the boarding gate.  
 The shop is **at** the end of the concourse.  
 The plane stopped **at** Dubai and Hanoi and arrived **in** Bangkok two hours late.  
 When will you arrive **at** the dispatcher's office?  
 Do you work **in** the headquarters' building?  
 I have a meeting **in** New York.  
 Do you live **in** Paris?  
 The jet is **in** the hangar.  
 The aircraft model is **on** the cover of the flight manual.  
 There are no prices **on** this menu.  
 You are standing **on** my foot.  
 There is a "no smoking" sign **on** the airplane's wall.  
 I live **on** the 7th floor **at** 21 Oxford Street **in** London.  
 When describing the location of someone or something inside of a vehicle, the use of the prepositions **in**, **on** depends on the kind of vehicle being discussed.  
 1. All vehicles that do not allow someone to walk easily around inside normally use the preposition **in**.

For example: *She was **in** the car when she called me.*

2. All vehicles that do allow someone to walk easily around inside normally use the preposition **on**.

For example: *We were **on** the plane when the fire started.*

\*\*\*Exceptions: Although you are not able to walk around inside of them, when riding a bicycle, motorcycle or any animal the preposition **on** must be used.

For example: *I rode **on** a horse yesterday. She rode **on** her bicycle.* etc...

Look at these examples:



**in a car**

**on** a bus  
**in** a taxi  
**on** a train  
**in** a helicopter  
**on** a plane  
**in** a boat  
**on** a ship  
**in** a lift (elevator)  
**on** a bicycle  
**on** a motorbike  
**on** a horse,  
**on** an elephant

**Exercise #2: Practice with aviation phrases**

1. \_\_\_\_ the terminal
2. \_\_\_\_ the airplane
3. \_\_\_\_ the gate
4. \_\_\_\_ the cockpit
5. \_\_\_\_ the jetway
6. \_\_\_\_ the baggage cart
7. \_\_\_\_ the baggage claim area
8. \_\_\_\_ the reservations desk
9. \_\_\_\_ the flight status screen
10. \_\_\_\_ the engine

**Exercise #3: Complete the following quiz using the correct preposition for each sentence.**

**Place Prepositions Quiz**

Determine which of the following prepositions goes with each sentence:

1. I am \_\_\_\_ work.
2. We are sitting \_\_\_\_ the park. It is a nice day.
3. My car is parked \_\_\_\_ the parking lot.
4. Our house is \_\_\_\_ the end of the street.
5. My office is \_\_\_\_ the 6th floor.
6. The books are \_\_\_\_ the bag.

7. The planes are \_\_\_\_ the apron.
8. There are a lot of pilots \_\_\_\_ the airport.
9. I called their house, but nobody is \_\_\_\_ home.
10. There is a beautiful painting of a plane \_\_\_\_ the wall.
11. The cup fell \_\_\_\_ the floor. I have to pick it up.
12. Come sit \_\_\_\_ the table. It is time to have breakfast before we fly.
13. There is a lot of food \_\_\_\_ the refrigerator
14. The sweetener is \_\_\_\_ the top shelf in the galley.
15. The laptop is \_\_\_\_ the table.
16. The Learjet is \_\_\_\_ the hangar.
17. Is the registration \_\_\_\_ the tail?
18. Are your children \_\_\_\_ the 2nd grade?
19. Do your children stay \_\_\_\_ their grandmother's house when you fly?
20. Is someone going to answer \_\_\_\_ the door?